

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An icebreaker for breaking through an ice formed at a channel, comprising:
an expandable/shrinkable film body which is disposed along a wall surface of the channel;
a fixing member for fixing the expandable/shrinkable film body to the wall surface; and
an air-supply means for supplying air to between the expandable/shrinkable film body and the wall surface to inflate the expandable/shrinkable film body at the channel inner side.

2. (original): The icebreaker according to claim 1, further comprising a lower film body provided in close contact with the wall surface, wherein the air-supplying means supplies air into between the expandable/shrinkable film body and the lower film body.

3. (currently amended): A channel provided with an ice breaker, comprising:
a channel;
a gate for opening/closing the channel; and
the ice breaker according to claim 1 or 2 disposed near the gate of the channel.